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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF MODULES

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DEPT FOR SSM

FROM SINAI SUPPORT MISSION DIRECTOR KONTOS

1. HAVE REVIEWED WITH SFM AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL RESULTS OF MOST RECENT SURVEY OF ALL OPTIONS FOR UNLOADING MODULES IN ANY EGYPTIAN PORT INCLUDING PORT TAWFIQ.

2. THIS REVIEW, WHICH CONFIRMS INITIAL FINDINGS, WAS FIRST-HAND INSPECTION OF PORT FACILITIES, UNLOADING EQUIPMENT, CANAL BRIDGES, ROADS AND AVAILABILITY OF TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORT MODULES. RESULTS ARE DISMAL. IT APPEARS THAT NO POSSIBLE OPTION IS FEASIBLE WITHOUT LONG DELAYS AND SHARP ESCALATION OF COST.

3. ASHOD ON OTHER HAND IS IDEAL FACILITY. HAS
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SUITABLE PORT EQUIPMENT FOR LIFTING 35-TON CONCRETE

MODULES, OFFERS UNLOADING PRIORITY AND HAS ADEQUATE
APPROACH ROADS FOR TRANSPORT TO SINAI BASE IN MINIMUM TIME

4. ZACHRY CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE, MICHAEL FAWZI,
NOW IN CAIRO, HAS REVIEWED ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT RULES
AND IS CONVINCED SFM CARGO CAN BE UNLOADED ASHDOD
WITH NO JEOPARDY TO COMPANY FOR VIOLATION BOYCOTT
REGULATIONS SINCE CARGO DOES NOT ENHANCE AND
DEFINITELY NOT RELATED TO ECONOMY OF ISRAEL. IN
ADDITION, REGULATIONS OF ARAB LEAGUE DO NOT PENALIZE
SHIP WHICH DOES NOT CALL ON ANY ARAB POINT ON THIS
VOYAGE. IN FACT SHIP IN QUESTION M/V GARTHNEWYOD IS
SCHEDULED RETURN DIRECTLY TO CORPUS CHRISTI.

5. FAWAI WHO LEAVES CAIRO FOR LONDON TODAY WILL
CALL KINSOLVING UPON ARRIVAL AT 1700.

6. EMBASSY LONDON REQUESTED ON URGENT BASIS CON-
TACT AT HIGHEST LEVEL GARTH SHIPPING LINE LTD. AND
IN OLLABORATION WITH FAWZI, MAKE STRONG APPROACH TO
CONVINCE THEM THAT ASHDOD UNLOADING IS EMINENTLY
FEASIBLE FOR THEM AND ESSENTIAL FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT.
IF THIS EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT CARGO DROPPED AT ANY
EGYPTIAN PORT, IT WILL NOT GO ANYWHERE SHORT OF
GREAT EXPENSE, EXTRAORDINARY DELAYS AND ALL BUT
IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS OF CROSSING CANAL.

7. LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGEMENT HOW BEST TO ENGAGE
SUPPORT OF FCO.

8. FAWZI FULLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL THESE PROBLEMS
HAVING BEEN INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN PORT SURVEY TASK.
YOU CAN RELY COMPLETELY ON HIM FOR TECHNICAL ITEMS.

9. ADVISE SINAI SUPPORT MISSION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE
OF RESULTS YOUR APPROACH. REPEAT TO CAIRO, TEL AVIV
AND SFM.
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